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Mr Tony Benn MP
House of Commons

Dear Mr Benn,

I should like to send my personal support and that of the Islamic Council to the meeting that is taking place in Hyde Park from now until the United Nations deadline expires.

The efforts which you and all the other campaigners are making to try to prevent a war which would be disastrous for all parties concerned and which would undoubtably result in terrible loss of life, widespread destruction and a devastating effect on the environment, are very worthy, we salute you for them, and you have our heartfelt support. In particular, I personally find it very difficult to understand the reluctance in some quarters to consider an international conference to find a solution to all the Middle Eastern problems, especially the Palestinian question which has been going on for many decades. In sharp contrast to the United Nations resolutions on the Iraq/Kuwait issue, numerous resolutions on Palestine and Israel have remained unimplemented and the double standards operated by some governments are obvious.To agree to hold a conference to discuss these problems seems a very small price to pay in return for peace.

Please feel free to have this message read out to the meeting if you so wish, and know that the Islamic Council is fully behind you in this vital campaign.

Yours sincerely,

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